

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, lines 5 and 6, please replace the existing paragraph with the following:

The present invention relates to a circular power saw ~~according to the definition of the species in Claims 1 and 2.~~

Please replace the **paragraph beginning on page 1, line 25** with the following paragraph:

The present invention ~~having the features of Claim 1~~ has the advantage that, if kickback occurs, the saw assembly with the saw blade is capable of being decoupled from the operator's handling forces, which, according to the related art, typically act on the saw blade. As a result, the translational impulse resulting from the instantaneously converted rotational energy from the saw blade remains smaller, because the saw assembly is first accelerated upward relative to the footplate, into its safety position. At the same time, the footplate of the circular power saw does not lift off of the work piece, and the pivoting protective hood closes. If the circular power saw jumps away from the work piece anyway, the saw blade no longer extends below the footplate and/or is covered by the pivoting protective hood. As a result, the operator is not endangered by the rotating saw blade.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In the last line, delete "(Figure 1)"